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In re the Application of: TAKEUCHI, Kiyofumi et al.

Group Art Unit: 1756

Serial No.: 09/787,614

Examiner: Shean Chiu Wu

Filed: March 20, 2001

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FOR: NEMATIC LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOSITION AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED July 30, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 2, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **July 30, 2003**, the applicants hereby elect to prosecute the species in which component A in claim 1 is a compound of formula (I-1) in which:

R¹ represents a propyl group,

Q¹ represents F,

W¹ represents F,

each of W² to W⁶ represents H,

K¹ represents a single bond,

A¹ represents a trans-1,4-cyclohexylene, and

each of k¹ and k² represents 0 (therefore, there is no K², K³, A² and A³).

The above compound is specifically described in Examples 1 and 2 in the specification.

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Applicants submit that this election represents an election of a single species as required by the Office action. In a telephone interview between Daniel Geselowitz and Examiner Wu on August 5, 2003, the Examiner confirmed that it was not necessary to additionally elect specific compounds of formulas (I-2), etc.

Applicants submit that claims 1-4 and 13-18 read on the elected species. This election is made with the understanding that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are dependent from the allowed generic claim.

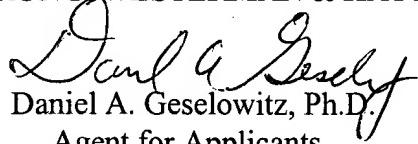
The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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